

TR Mascots

RISK ASSESSMENT - "OPTIMUS PRIME"

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This risk assessment may need to be reviewed earlier if risks change or incident occurs

		Likelihood				
		1	2	3	4	5
Severity	1	1	2	3	4	5
	2	2	4	6	8	10
	3	3	6	9	12	15
	4	4	8	12	16	20
	5	5	10	15	20	25

Likelihood multiplied by Severity = Risk Rating			
Likelihood	Severity	Risk Rating	Action
5 = Inevitable	5 = Fatality / Major Injury	Over 20	Intolerable Risk
4 = Highly Likely	4 = 'Over 3 Day' Injury *	15 - 19	Substantial Risk
3 = Possible	3 = Possible Hospital Treatment Required	10 - 14	Moderate Risk
2 = Unlikely	2 = First Aid may be required	6 - 9	Tolerable Risk
1 = Highly Unlikely	1 = Unlikely to cause harm	1 - 5	Trivial / Insignificant

* An 'Over 3 Day' Injury is one that is not "Major" but results in the injured person being away from work OR unable to carry out their full range of normal duties for more than three days

Hazard	Persons at risk	Risk Rating			Actions to reduce risk	Revised RR			Notes
		L	S	RR		L	S	RR	
Slips, Trips & Falls	Public and Mascot	3	3	9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Keep area tidy. Do not perform on slippery surfaces. Do not perform where there are objects to trip over Performers to be on the highest level of awareness in this regard whilst performing on stilts. 	2	3	6	We can work in a designated area if required
Moving vehicles	Public and Mascot	3	3	9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chaperone to keep alert for moving vehicles and ensure safe distance away from Mascot. Move Mascot to a safe distance if required. 	2	3	6	Public interaction with a moving vehicle is the responsibility of the event organiser and not TR Mascots (Tom Peters).
Physical injury due to mascot tripping over or bumping into people	Public and Mascot	4	3	12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mascot to be given adequate space. Public to stay in front of the mascot in sight. Chaperone to walk ahead of mascot and advise public if needed to move. Chaperone to communicate to Mascot via Radio Communications. Mascot to be aware of this possibility and take care to plan a clear route through crowds with guidance from Chaperone. 	3	3	9	Chaperone to also advise public not to surprise Mascot by sneaking up in the blind spot / from behind
Overheating	Mascot Wearer	3	3	9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mascot performers should be provided with a private space in which they can take the mascot costume off in the event of overheating. Water will be made available for performers at all times. 	3	1	3	
Injury due to Limited Vision of Mascot	Public and Mascot	4	3	12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Verbal instructions given to avoid tripping down/up stairs and other obstructions. Ensure children are supervised near mascot as vision is limited and can be difficult to see children when inside costume. Communication between Mascot and Chaperone via radio communications 	3	3	9	
Injury / damage resulting from effect of adverse weather conditions	Mascot Wearer	4	4	16	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Performer responsible for varying / cancelling performance due to adverse weather conditions and in particular to respond to changes in wind speed and direction during the event. 	2	3	6	
Injury due to fall whilst putting on / taking off stilts	Mascot Wearer	3	4	12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Performers well trained. Performers to select appropriate site for this manoeuvre and to take notice of stability of any platform used. 	2	2	4	
Injury from falling from stilts	Public and Mascot	3	4	12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chaperone informs visitors to keep a safe distance when required (eg when Mascot is walking). 	2	2	4	
Injury from tripping / slipping over while on Stilts	Public and Mascot	4	4	16	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chaperone informs visitors to keep a safe distance when required (eg when Mascot is walking). Area the mascot will be visiting is pe-checked either by Tom Peters (sole mascot wearer) in advance, or dynamically by the Chaperone for hazards Mascot and chaperone remains vigilant of any potential hazards throughout stilt walking activity. 	2	2	4	
Injury from falling from loose stilts	Public and Mascot	2	4	8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A suitable safe place is found to sit down and retighten stilts, or if stils cannot be re-tightened, then appearance is postponed or cancelled 	2	2	4	

Injury from equipment failure	Public and Mascot	2	4	8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All equipment is checked and inspected before attending the event, and is re-inspected before use at the event. • All equipment is re-checked after any rest breaks that have been taken, in case of tampering or fatigue of components. 	1	3	3	
Injury from collision with overhead objects	Mascot	4	4	16	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mascot wearer where possible in advance will check site for overhead obstacles, and will pass on concerns to the Chaperone. • Chaperone is constantly alert throughout the event for additional overhead obstacles and via means of communication warns the mascot to avoid the area and directs them to a safer route. 	1	4	4	
Injury from improper use of stilts	Public	4	5	20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public have no access to the Mascot changing area. • Stilts when not being worn by Tom Peters (TR Mascots) will be securely stored - eg in the back of a vehicle or locked in their transportation bags to prevent unauthorised use. • Public will not be permitted to 'have a go' / try on the stilts (or any part of the main mascot) at any time. 	1	1	1	